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**RESPONSE TO 6 JUNE 2006 OFFICE ACTION
(37 CFR §1.111)**

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 Commissioner for Patents
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In Response to the Office Action of June 6, 2006, reconsideration of the objections and/or rejections and further examination of the application are requested.

Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

The period for response is hereby extended THREE month(s) to expire December 6, 2006 by this Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time. A PTO-2038 authorizing a charge for the appropriate petition fee of \$510 (37 CFR §1.17) accompanies this Response.

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